

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Rules: Proposed designation of critical habitat for the western Distinct Population Segment of the yellow-billed cuckoo.

On October 3, 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended, proposed to list the western Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) as a threatened species (*Federal Register* 78:61621). On August 15, 2014, we proposed critical habitat for the western DPS of the yellow-billed cuckoo (79: 48548)

In the proposal to designate critical habitat, we are considering approximately 546,335 acres of critical habitat in 9 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. Copies of the proposed rule and other information about this issue are available by contacting the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office at 916-414-6600 or on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sacramento> or <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Comments and materials from all interested persons or organizations must be received by October 14, 2014. Written requests for a public hearing must be received by September 29, 2014.

All comments must be submitted either to the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by following the instructions for submitting comments or, by U.S. mail or hand-delivery, to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R8-ES-2013-0011; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203. We will not accept e-mail or faxes. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>.